

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Saunders

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor the Centennial Flight and birthplace of Wilbur Wright in Henry County, Indiana.

Whereas, Wilbur Wright was born on April 16, 1867, at a rural location on 750 East, Millville, Indiana;

Whereas, Wilbur Wright is the third son of Milton and Susan Koerner Wright, his younger brother Orville being born a few years later in Dayton Ohio;

Whereas, history was made in 1903 with the first ever heavier than air, manned, powered flight achieved by Orville and Wilbur Wright. A replica of the flyer is displayed at the museum;

Whereas, the original birth home was destroyed by fire in 1884. Another house was built on the site perhaps using some of the original beams from the original home. In April, 1929, the state of Indiana purchased the site and rented out



the home for about twenty years;

Whereas, the first replica was torn down and the current birth home was built in 1974 by the state and later added a shelter house;

Whereas, a local group was formed to maintain the birthplace kept in its current location. The group formed under the name of Wilbur Wright Birthplace Preservation Society. On July 20, 1995, the Department of Natural Resources board voted unanimously to deed the site of the birthplace to the Preservation Society;

Whereas, the museum underwent renovation in the late 1990's and an addition completed in March, 2003 featuring an early 1900's street scene;

Whereas, Henry County will celebrate Centennial Flight Festival with their Fun is in the Air celebration on June 20-22, 2003;

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly honors the Centennial Flight and birthplace of Wilbur Wright in Henry County, Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Wilbur Wright Museum.

